

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the Title:

Please amend the title as follows:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AN OBJECT  
HAVING ~~RANDOMLY~~ RANDOMLY DISTRIBUTED IDENTIFICATION  
ELEMENTS

Please replace the existing text at page 1, lines 4-12, with the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a filing under 35 USC § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/GB2005/000482, filed February 11, 2005.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for checking that an object is genuine. The object has a plurality of randomly distributed identification elements affixed to or embedded in the object. The object also has a reference point defining an area of the object in which at least some of the identification elements are provided. The invention relates especially, but not exclusively, to fluorescent identification elements.

Please insert the following at page 1, line 13:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART**

Please insert the following at page 2, line 14:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following at page 12, line 23:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please insert the following at page 13, line 11:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**